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59/310. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/22 of 10 November 2000, 55/161 of 12 December 2000, 56/39 of 7 December 2001 and 57/40 of 21 November 2002 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States,

Bearing in mind the treaty establishing the Economic Community of Central African States, by which the Central African countries have agreed to work for the economic development of their subregion, to promote economic cooperation and to establish a Common Market of Central Africa,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted on 8 September 2000 by the Heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations,[1] and especially section VII thereof,

Noting that, at the ninth regular session of the Economic Community of Central African States, held at Malabo on 24 June 1999, the Heads of State and Government of the member States decided to resume the activities of the Community, in particular by incorporating a collective security component, and by providing it with sufficient financial and human resources to enable it to become a real tool for the integration of their economies and to foster the development of cooperation between their peoples, with the ultimate aim of making it one of the five pillars of the African community and of helping Central Africa to meet the challenges of globalization,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[2]

Welcoming the establishment of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa with a view to creating a climate of peace and security in the subregion and strengthening the rule of law essential to its development,

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] A/52/871-S/1998/318.

Welcoming also the efforts made by the Central African States, both on their own initiative and with the support of the international community, to focus on the difficulties afflicting this key region of Africa,

Noting the understanding of the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States regarding their undertaking to strengthen arrangements for cooperation within the Community,

Noting with deep concern that despite its enormous potential, which could make it one of the poles of development of the continent, Central Africa has yet to achieve the stability that would enable it to utilize its resources to the maximum benefit of its population in an equitable manner,

Welcoming the contribution made by the United Nations system to the efforts made at the national and subregional levels with a view to promoting the process of democratization, recovery and development in Central Africa,

Welcoming also the public meeting of the Security Council on 22 October 2002 devoted to strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region,[3]

Recognizing the role that the private sector can play in the socio-economic development of Central African countries and their integration into the world economy, and stressing the importance of fostering a favourable environment for private investment and entrepreneurship,

Aware of the opportunities and challenges which globalization and liberalization can create for the economies of the countries of the subregion,

Noting with satisfaction that, as a result of the positive efforts of regional and subregional organizations, the subregion is gradually emerging from the conflicts that affect it, which offers an opportunity to build peace that must be seized by all parties and requires the mobilization of significant funds and increased resources to support demobilization, disarmament and reintegration programmes,

Welcoming the achievements of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa,

Noting the positive measures taken by the Economic Community of Central African States to combat HIV/AIDS,

Noting also the important contribution of women to the development process,

Emphasizing the urgency of reaching an appropriate solution to the problem of refugees and internally displaced persons in Central Africa,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;[4]

2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General to support the role of the subregional institutions, in particular his decision to dispatch, in June 2003, at the request of the Security Council,[5] a multidisciplinary assessment mission to the

[3] See S/PV.4630.

[4] A/59/303, part one, sect. VI.

[5] S/PRST/2002/31; see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1 August 2002–31 July 2003*.

Central African subregion with the task of implementing a global, holistic approach to the problems of peace, security and development in the subregion;[6]

3. *Also welcomes* the efforts of States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have maintained or strengthened their cooperation with the Economic Community of Central African States or have begun to cooperate with it with a view to achieving peace, security and development;

4. *Invites* the States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have not yet established contact or relations with the Economic Community of Central African States to consider doing so in order to help the Community to strengthen its capacities in the area of the maintenance of peace and security and reconstruction;

5. *Commends* the international community for the financial, technical and material support given to the Economic Community of Central African States;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of close cooperation between the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and the Economic Community of Central African States;

7. *Welcomes* the reforms undertaken by the Economic Community of Central African States, including the execution of its programme of action, in order to be better able to tackle the problems of cooperation and regional integration;

8. *Urges* all Member States and the international community to contribute to the efforts of the Economic Community of Central African States to achieve economic integration and development, promote democracy and human rights and consolidate peace and security in Central Africa and to implement the goals, targets and commitments of the United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] in particular, to strengthen the role of women in the development process;

9. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations agencies to continue to provide those countries of the Economic Community of Central African States in which a process of national reconstruction is taking place with appropriate assistance to consolidate their efforts towards democratization and the consolidation of the rule of law and to support their national development programmes;

10. *Invites* the United Nations and the international community to coordinate their efforts to assist the Central African States in establishing demobilization, disarmament and reintegration programmes;

11. *Declares itself convinced* of the importance to conflict resolution of the implementation of global, integrated and concerted strategies on questions relating to peace, security and development, and aware of the value of international cooperation and efforts to restore and maintain peace, and emphasizes that the international community should continue to help those countries which receive refugees to meet the resulting economic, social, humanitarian and environmental challenges;

12. *Urges* the United Nations and the international community as a whole to help to strengthen the means existing in the region to ensure that the Economic

[6] See S/2003/653.

Community of Central African States has the necessary capacity with regard to prevention, monitoring, early warning and peacekeeping operations;

13. *Encourages* the countries of the Economic Community of Central African States to implement policies that promote sustained economic growth and sustainable development, including by promoting competition, regulatory reform, respect for property rights and expeditious contract enforcement;

14. *Stresses* the need to focus international assistance to countries of the Economic Community of Central African States in the areas of socio-economic growth and sustainable development, implementation of market-oriented reforms and the meeting of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and encourages the countries of the Community to improve governance and institutional capabilities in order to use aid more effectively;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to enhance contacts with the Economic Community of Central African States with a view to strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Community;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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59/311. International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and recalling its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference,

Recalling Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] in particular the emphasis given to small island developing States in chapter VII of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as the references to the specific needs of small island developing States contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[6] and the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,[7]

Welcoming the adoption by the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in Port Louis from 10 to 14 January 2005, of

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[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] See resolution 55/2.

[7] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

the Mauritius Declaration [8] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States ("Mauritius Strategy for Implementation")[9] on 14 January 2005,

Expressing its satisfaction that the International Meeting and its preparatory process provided for the active participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, observers and various intergovernmental organizations, including the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the major groups representing all the regions of the world,

Noting with interest the partnership initiatives announced by some Governments, international organizations and major groups at the International Meeting, as well as those already undertaken,

Welcoming the decision taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its thirteenth session [10] to devote one day of the review sessions of the Commission to the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, focusing on that year's thematic cluster, as well as on any new developments in the sustainable development efforts of small island developing States using existing modalities, and to request the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission at its review session on progress and obstacles to sustainable development in small island developing States, including recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy,

Recognizing that it is crucial to mobilize resources from all sources for the effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Mauritius for the excellent arrangements made for hosting the International Meeting, for the hospitality extended to the participants and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretariat of the United Nations, including the Secretary-General of the International Meeting, the specialized agencies, the United Nations regional commissions, funds and programmes, and donor countries as well as those countries that contributed to the Trust Fund for Small Island Developing States, for their contribution to the success of the International Meeting,

Also expressing its appreciation to the Facilitator of the outcomes of the International Meeting,

Having considered the report of the International Meeting,[11]

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[8] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[9] Ibid., annex II.

[10] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 9* (E/2005/29), resolution 13/1.

[11] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum).

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[12]

2. *Endorses* the Mauritius Declaration[8] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[9]

3. *Welcomes* the renewed commitment of the international community to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[2]

4. *Urges* Governments and all relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, regional economic commissions, international financial institutions, the Global Environment Facility, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and major groups, to take timely actions to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

5. *Calls for* the full and effective implementation of the commitments, programmes and targets adopted at the International Meeting and, to this end, for fulfilment of the provisions for the means of implementation, as contained in the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

6. *Encourages* the implementation of partnership initiatives, within the framework of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States;

7. *Recommends* that the outcomes of the International Meeting be taken into consideration at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, to be held from 14 to 16 September 2005, and in its preparatory process;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, to articulate a plan with recommendations for action and proposed activities for the coordinated and coherent implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation by the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system within their respective mandates, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

9. *Supports* the convening by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of regional meetings of small island developing States in 2005 or 2006, in partnership with relevant regional organizations and stakeholders, for the follow-up to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, funded from voluntary contributions, and in this regard encourages Member States to contribute to the Trust Fund for Small Island Developing States;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, as called for in its resolutions 57/262 of 20 December 2002, 58/213 A of 23 December 2003 and 59/229 of 22 December 2004 and taking into account paragraph 7 of the present resolution, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that the Unit is sufficiently and sustainably staffed without delay to undertake its broad range of mandated functions with a view to facilitating the full and effective implementation

[12] A/59/872.

of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, within existing resources, including by redeploying resources;

11. *Requests* the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to mainstream the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation further in their work programmes and to establish a focal point for small island developing States within their respective secretariats;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".[13]

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[13] This replaces the sub-item entitled "Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and follow-up to the outcomes of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action", which the General Assembly had decided, in its resolution 59/229 of 22 December 2004, to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session.